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1 AN ACT Relating to conditional scholarships; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall offer conditional  
7 scholarships for full or part-time studies that may be forgiven in  
8 exchange for teaching service in Washington's public K-12 schools.  
9 Applicants must have a declared intention to complete an approved  
10 preparation program leading to teacher certification with an  
11 endorsement in math, science, technology, or bilingual education or be  
12 a teacher who is seeking an additional endorsement in math, science,  
13 technology, or bilingual education. Students are eligible to receive  
14 a conditional scholarship not to exceed four thousand dollars for the  
15 2001-02 academic year. The higher education coordinating board may  
16 increase the maximum value of the award in proportion to the increase  
17 of tuition and fees for a resident undergraduate student at the  
18 University of Washington. Students are eligible to receive conditional  
19 scholarships for a maximum of five years.

1 (2) When selecting scholarship recipients, the higher education  
2 coordinating board shall give priority to students who are bilingual  
3 and who are able to demonstrate their dual language proficiency by  
4 meeting a standard established by the board. The board shall establish  
5 the standard in consultation with the office of the superintendent of  
6 public instruction's bilingual education advisory committee. The board  
7 may also consider the applicant's demonstrated academic ability and  
8 commitment to serve as a teacher within the state of Washington.

9 (3) Loans shall be forgiven at the rate of one year of loan for two  
10 years of teaching service. Recipients who teach in geographic or  
11 subject-matter shortage areas, as specified by the office of the  
12 superintendent of public instruction, may have their loans forgiven at  
13 the rate of one year of loan for one year of teaching service.

14 (4) Recipients who fail to fulfill the required teaching service  
15 shall be required to repay the conditional loan with interest. The  
16 higher education coordinating board shall define the terms for  
17 repayment, including applicable interest rates, fees, and deferments,  
18 and may adopt other rules as necessary to implement this program.

19 (5) Appropriations, private donations, or any other funds given to  
20 the higher education coordinating board for this program, and all  
21 collections will be deposited into the student loan account authorized  
22 in RCW 28B.102.060.

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